REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-21 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant amends claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 15 and cancels claim 16. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 15 and 16 should be added as it does not raise new issues requiring further consideration. Specifically, amended subject matter was previously presented in claim 16. (now cancelled).

Claim rejections

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ishigaki (US 2001/0018353). Claims 3, 4, 7, 11, 14-16 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ishigaki as applied to claims 1, 5 and 8 and in view of Werner (US 2002/0198898). Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ishigaki in view of Werner as applied to claims 1, 15 and 16, and further in view of Bedingfield (US 2004/0260604). Applicant traverses the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "wherein the bookmark sorting unit compares a present situation information at a present point of time with the situation information annexed to each of the said URLs and sorts the URLs in order of smallest difference between the situation information annexed to the URL and the present situation information at the present point of time." In rejecting the previously presented claim 16, the Examiner asserts that Werner discloses

the unique feature recited above. Applicant respectfully disagrees for at least the following

reason.

Werner is directed to application of location information for location-aware products. In

FIG. 15 and page 6, paragraph [0056], Werner discloses an example of a directory listing sorted

in an order from most recently modified to the least recently modified. However, Werner does

not disclose comparing a present situation information at a present point of time with the

situation information annexed to each of said URLs and sorting the URLs in order of **smallest**

difference between the situation information annexed to the URL and the present situation

information at the present point of time.

In particular, Werner discloses sorting based on the most recently modified to least

recently modified. However, this does not disclose sorting based on the **smallest difference**

between the situation information annexed to the URL and the present situation information at

the present point of time.

Applicant respectfully submits that since time of the day (1-24), days of the week

(Sunday-Saturday) and months of a year (1-30 or 31) repeat (i.e., cyclical), there is a possibility

of the time, the day or the month of the present point of time being before or after the time, the

day, or the month that is stored with the URLs. That is, if the present time was presumed to be

5:00, there could be a file A with a time 7:00 (after) and a file B with a time 4:00 (before). Also,

if the current day was Wednesday, there could be an URL A with Saturday (4 days after) and an

URL B with Monday (2 days before) annexed with the URL. Therefore, when the URLs are

sorted based on the most recent to the least recent, both the time (or day) that is before and the time (or day) that is after are not considered.

Accordingly, when the files are sorted using the most recent to the least recent, the smallest difference between the present time (or day) and the modification time (or day) of file A and B is overlooked. For instance, *assuming arguendo* if time was used as the situation information to sort the files, in the example illustrated in FIG. 15, the files will be sorted such that the file with the most recent modification time will be listed first, then the file with the second most recent modification time and so on. When trying to determine the most recent modification time, the date in addition to the time the file was modified would be checked to determine the most recent modification time.

Therefore, if the present time was presumed to be 5:00 AM (2/20/2008), file A having a modification time of 7:00 AM (2/19/2008) would be considered more recent that a file B having a modification time of 4:00 AM (2/18/2008). However, if the files were to be sorted based on the smallest difference, file B would be listed before file A. That is because, the difference between the present time 5:00 AM and the modification time 4:00 AM of file B is 1, which is smaller than the difference between the present time of 5:00 AM and the modification time 7:00 AM of file A where the difference is 2.

Applicant respectfully submits that for at least for the reason disclosed above, a method of sorting from most recent modification to least recent modification does not disclose sorting based on the smallest difference between present situation information of present point of time and the situation information stored with the URL.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that Ishigaki does not disclose the features missing in Werner.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that since Werner and Ishigaki, alone or in combination do not disclose all the features recited in claim 1, claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

Claims 4, 5 and 8

Applicant submits that claims 5 and 8 recite subject matter analogous to claim 1, and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2, 3, 6-7, 9-15, 19, 20 and 21

Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 6-7, 9-15, 19, 20 and 21 depend from one of the independent claims, and therefore are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency.

Claim 17 and 18

Applicant submits that since claims 17 and 18 depend from one of the independent claims and since Bedingfield does not cure the deficiency noted above with respect to claim 1, claims 17 and 18 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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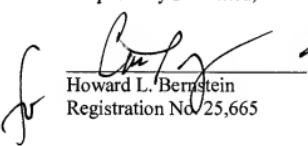
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